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The reply filed on Oct 25, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (1) The response fails to underline all of the wording of each of claims 23 and 26 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2)(I)(A) which requires that an amendment must be made relative to the patent claims. (2) And the response fails to include a supplemental reissue declaration that has a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), regarding errors made under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph which are now overcome by the amendment to claims 13 and 20-22, as was called for in the advisory action mailed on Oct 20, 1999. These errors were not covered by the original reissue declaration, and therefore Applicant must state that these errors arose without deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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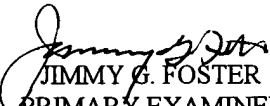
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